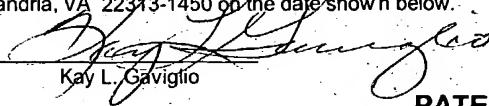


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Sir:

Prior to consideration on the merits, please enter the preliminary amendment submitted herein. The instant application is being filed as a continuation application of application serial number 09/824,827 filed April 2, 2001.

Please add the following claims:

2. A method for producing a carbohydrate alkylthiosulfonate, comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing a carbohydrate, an alkylthiosulfonate, and a phase transfer catalyst;
 - b) reacting said carbohydrate and said alkylthiosulfonate in an organic solvent in the presence of said phase transfer catalyst; and